

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of resetting a key for accessing a computer program, comprising:

setting a flag to indicate that the key is to be reset;

starting a process associated with the computer program;

determining, when the process has been started, whether the flag is set; and

resetting the key to a default value based on the flag;

wherein the flag comprises a value stored at a computer on which the computer program is installed, determining whether the flag is set comprises reading the stored value, and a prescribed level of privilege with respect to the computer is required to set the flag and start the process such that a user having the prescribed level of privilege [[by]] but not the key can without intervention of a provider with which the computer program is associated cause the key to be reset to the default value.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising logging in with sufficient privileges to start the process.
4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the flag is an environment variable.
5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 4, wherein resetting the key to a default value includes instructing a database system to reset the key.
6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 4, further comprising unsetting the flag.
7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 6, further comprising starting the process again.

8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 6, further comprising changing the key from the default value to a secure value.
9. (Currently Amended) A system for resetting a key for accessing a computer program, comprising a computer configured to:
determine whether a flag is set, when a process associated with the computer program is started; and
reset the key to a default value, based on the flag;
wherein the flag comprises a value stored on the computer, the computer is configured to determine whether the flag is set by reading the stored value, and a prescribed level of privilege with respect to the computer is required to set the flag and start the process such that a user having the prescribed level of privilege [[by]] but not the key can without intervention of a provider with which the computer program is associated cause the key to be reset to the default value.
10. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9, further configured to require administrator privileges to start the process.

11. (Original) The system as recited in claim 10, wherein the flag is an environment variable.
12. (Original) The system as recited in claim 11, further comprising a database system configured to store the key, and wherein the system is configured to reset the key by instructing the database system to reset the key.
13. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the key is associated with an administrator account for accessing the computer program.
14. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the computer program executes on the computer.
15. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the computer program executes on a second computer.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for resetting a key for accessing a computer program, comprising a computer usable medium having machine readable code embodied therein for:
- determining whether a flag is set, when a process associated with the computer program is started; and
- resetting the key to a default value, based on the flag;
- wherein the flag comprises a value stored at a computer on which the computer program is installed, determining whether the flag is set comprises reading the stored value, and a prescribed level of privilege with respect to the computer is required to set the flag and start the process such that a user having the prescribed level of privilege [[by]] but not the key can without intervention of a provider with which the computer program is associated cause the key to be reset to the default value.
17. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 16, further comprising a database system configured to store the key,

and wherein resetting the key includes instructing the database system to reset the key.

18. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 16, wherein the key is associated with an administrator account for accessing the computer program.
19. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 16, further comprising code for requiring sufficient privileges to start the process.
20. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 16, further comprising code for changing the key from the default value to a secure value.